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Park Plan Available for Public Review

The National Park Service is pleased to announce the availability of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park (NHP). The National Park Service has collaborated with its federal advisory commission and five legislated key partners – Belle Grove Inc., the Cedar Creek Battlefield Foundation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Shenandoah County, and the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation -- to produce a plan that protects important park resources and provides quality visitor experiences.

"This is an exciting time in the history of the park," said Superintendent Diann Jacox. "The General Management Plan, once reviewed and finalized, will guide the management of the park for the next 20 years."

The document is available for download at the park planning web site, parkplanning.nps.gov/cebe. Hard copies of the plan may be obtained by contacting the park at (540) 868-9176. CDs and printed copies are available; supplies of the printed copies are limited. Also, the document is available for review at the park office at 7718½ Main St., Middletown, VA.

The National Park Service invites public comment on the plan. The preferred method of comment is on the park planning web site, parkplanning.nps.gov/cebe. Comments may also be mailed to Superintendent Diann Jacox, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove NHP, P.O. Box 700, Middletown, VA 22645. The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft GMP until February 27, 2009.

Additionally, there will be three public meetings on the Draft GMP during the public review period. Dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be announced on the planning web site listed above and in local papers.